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VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
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RESERVOIR COMMITTEE
At Reservoir

The committee was appalled to discover that many of the plants in the habitat garden have been stolen, dug out of the ground. The thieves knew what they were doing: they took mostly the more valuable ones – shrubs like viburnum, azaleas, bottlebrush buckeye, and aromatic sumac. Martine, who designed the garden and ordered the plants, estimated the loss at \$600-700. Some donated plants were also stolen. Martine will report the theft to the police, DPW, and the *Arlington Advocate*.

As for the ramp, the committee's consensus was that the site used by the harvester this year was the most suitable for building one, despite the distance from the worst infestation. Weeds could be piled up to drain nearby if the area is limited and the weeds are not left too long. Temporary mats can be used to protect the ground where trucks enter and turn around. Cathy will investigate availability and cost.

DPW needs to be asked to fill in some depressions left by this year's operations which are now large puddles.